



Have you ever said,
“Wouldn’t it be great if we _____?”

OVERVIEW

The City of Cincinnati City Manager is hosting the 2017 Engage Cincy Challenge Grant program. For this second year of the grant program, the City seeks your most innovative and impactful ideas for improving positive engagement & interaction within our city. City of Cincinnati residents are encouraged to submit an application. Grant awards will help winners **successfully implement their plans.**

AWARDS & PRIZES

One of three grants, up to \$10,000 per grant to develop, launch & promote your project

PURPOSE

To improve connections with our neighborhoods, our city, and each other

Once launched, your project may act as a catalyst for interaction with new people beyond family or the usual social circles, with local government, with social service organizations/activities, or may simply help neighbors keep an eye out for each other. Your big idea might even prompt meaningful interaction with people we see as different from ourselves – encouraging the growth of empathy, and recognition of Cincinnatians’ diverse experiences and shared humanity.

Good entries will:

Be new, innovative and transformative

Be scalable, repeatable and sustainable

Have potential magnitude of impact, neighborhood/city-wide

CATEGORIES

This year, one grant will be awarded in each of the following categories:

1. Healthy **Food Access**
2. Making **Civic Connections** through Technology
3. Improving **Livability**

TIMELINE

October 25, 2016: Program presentation and Q&A at Invest in Neighborhoods meeting

November 1, 2016: Contest launches – Online applications available on City's website

Grant Program Presentation to Neighborhoods Committee of City Council

December 11, 2016: **Deadline** for grant applications

January 12, 2017: Announcement of finalists

February 9-10, 2017: Finalist presentations to the selection committee with refined scope and budget

March 2017: Awards announced and presented at Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit

SUBMIT

See program information and apply online: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/manager/engage-cincy/>

We recommend you keep a copy of your application for your records.

ELIGIBILITY

The lead individual or organization must be located in the city of Cincinnati to be eligible.

Project partners may be any combination of private, for-profit, public, non-profit organizations. Individuals may apply, but leveraging partnerships is encouraged.

City of Cincinnati employees who have directly worked on this competition program are ineligible to apply.

The lead contact on the application may submit only one project application.

QUESTIONS?

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